

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the applications:

1. (Currently Amended) A topstay for rowing or sculling boat riggers comprising:

a. an outer tubular member and an inner tubular member longitudinally aligned and telescopically connected together, said outer tubular member having a distal end and said inner tubular member having a proximal end;

b. a tubular housing diagonally aligned and attached to said distal end of said outer tubular member, said tubular housing including two opposite end openings;

c. a rotating pin connector inserted into one said end opening on said tubular housing, said pin connector capable of connecting to an oarlock pin on a rigger;

d. means for attaching said pin connector to said tubular housing including a transversely aligned pivot connector selectively attached to said proximal end of said inner tubular member and a base bracket attached to a boat hull, said base bracket including means for holding said pivot connector and allowing said pivot connector to pivot over said base bracket when said base bracket is attached to a boat hull; and,

e. means for attaching said ~~inner tubular member~~ base bracket to a boat hull.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said tubular housing ~~includes~~ is formed by two longitudinally aligned hollow spacers located near said distal end and on opposite sides of said outer tubular member, member. member.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 3, wherein said means for
2 attaching said pin connector to said tubular housing is an end plug inserted into the distal
3 end of said tubular member and a bolt that extends through one said spacer and said
4 tubular housing and connects to said pin connector- to hold said pin connector on said
5 tubular housing.
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7 5. (Previously Amended) The topstay as recited in Claim 1, wherein said tubular housing
8 is aligned between 30 to 45 degrees on said distal end of said outer tubular member.
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10 6. (Previously Added) The topstay as recited in Claim 3, wherein said spacers are aligned
11 near said distal end of said outer tubular member between 30 to 45 degrees.
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